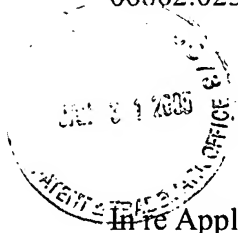


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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Since the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office waived the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication for all U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 and for all international applications that have entered the national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 after June 30, 2003, copies of these documents are not enclosed. A copy of the foreign patent document is enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is to make of record documents cited in a Search Report for the corresponding European Patent Application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed. U.S. Patent No. 4,963,505 cited in the Search Report is already of record. French 2774511 is listed in the Search Report with an indication of relevancy. A machine translation of claim 1 of JP 2002/502121, a counterpart of the French document is also enclosed to show relevancy.

#### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

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Respectfully submitted,

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